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DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT SIMPLIFIED RULES FOR TRAVEL ON ACCESS ROUTES AND INTO EAST BERLIN ARE EASIER TO ADMINISTER AND LESS LIKELY TO LEAD TO POSSIBLE DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES (REFTEL A). REALISTICLY, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN MEET OUR TWIN OBJECTIVE OF MAXIMAL EXERCISE OF OUR ACCESS RIGHTS WHILE REDUCING THE POSSIBILITIES OF INVOLVMENT IN EXFILTRATION BY US PERSONNEL UNLESS RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS USE GOOD JUDGEMENT AND DISCRETION WHEN AUTHORIZING TRAVEL BY US PERSONNEL. WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT VISITS TO EAST BERLIN BY GROUPS OF LESS THAN THREE AND TRAVEL BY E-6'S AND THEIR CIVILIAN EQUIVILANTS ON ACCESS AUTOBAHN AFTER DARK SHOULD BE PERMITTED ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS WHEN JUSTIFIABLE REASON GIVEN. OFFICER AUTHORIZING SUCH TRAVEL SHOULD BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR SATISFYING HIMSELF ON TRAVEL APPLICANTS' RELIABILITY. KISSINGER

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